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DEBT PAYMENTS

There have been such varied responses to the Birthday Party Debt Reduction Campaign that it is impossible to say what the exact outcome will be, but we are assured of a large reduction in debts and trust in God for a final and complete answer to our prayers. Money continues to come in, and creditors have gladly given liberal discounts for cash—some canceling their obligations altogether. Some debts are being settled by an exchange of accounts, and others have been voluntarily reduced by present and former staff members. It is not yet too late to help in this campaign.

STAFF ADDITIONS

Recent happy additions to the staff were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cottrell, formerly of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Cottrell will be in charge of the new farming enterprise and will supervise in general the work of the students in that field. Mrs. Cottrell has already joined the office force, having taken over the work of Miss Mona Flerl as secretary to Mr. Walton, Field Representative.

The University is fortunate to have secured the services of these two experienced Christian workers, and *NEWSETTE* speaks for her many friends in wishing them the Lord's blessing in their work.

Friends desirous of helping to launch a farming plan which will make the school more nearly self-supporting can do so by purchasing plows and other needed equipment. A few dollars investment may feed many students in the years to come.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

In the "Octagon" on March 20th, students and teachers enjoyed a time of social fellowship at a St. Patrick's Day party. Mrs. McMurry was hostess to the group, and Sara Idleman directed the entertainment.

After being initiated by kissing the blarney stone (a chunk of ice) the group was entertained with numerous Irish games. Refreshments of coconut cream pie, cocoa, candy, and peanuts were served in colorful arrangement.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

Missionary work in Borneo was the theme of the message by Rev. C. R. Deibler, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, a missionary to Borneo. Attired in native costume of a Borneo chief, he told of the people, their customs, and his work among them. As a challenge to Christians, Rev. Deibler said that God has already issued the call to every believer, "Go Ye." It remains only for the believer to seek divine direction as to the field in which he is to work.

Rev. E. B. Steiner, missionary to Tibet and Nepal, brought three chapel messages on "Unlocking Fast-closed Doors of Nepal and Tibet." He told how miraculously God had worked in opening the way for missionary work in these two hitherto-closed fields.

Other recent chapel speakers were Brother Roy Austin, speaking on "How to Make a Success of the Christian Life," and Rev. Irvin E. Souder, who spoke on "Moving Forward."

MONEY LOSSES RECOVERABLE

The loss of money mailed to the University, it is to be hoped, was stopped on March 31st, when the offender was apprehended by federal officers. If you are among those who have, prior to March 31st, sent payments on your subscription or gifts to the University in any form (cash, money order, or check) and have received no acknowledgment from the University, kindly advise us at once, stating the amount, what form it was sent in, and the date the gift was mailed.

It is extremely important that this be done at once, as prompt action may enable us to recover most of the money and use it for the intended purpose—to serve in the Lord's work.

DR. WILSON AT C.C.C.

On Wednesday, April 7, Dr. Walter Wilson held services at C. C. C. Camp 1466, situated twelve miles out of Pikeville, Tennessee. Making the trip with him were the new quartet, Misses Yancey and Hummel and Messrs. Pray and Paul; George Keating and his cornet, Virginia Barger, Mr. and Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Rohrer, Charlotte Sapp, Dean Ryther and his mother, Mrs. D. W. Ryther, and aunt, Miss Alice J. Ryther.

DEAN RYTHER AT DYLLIS

At the invitation of Miss Helen Limburg, former Bryan student, and now principal of the Dyllis Grammar School, Dean Ryther spoke at the commencement exercises of that school on March 26th. Using "Courage" as his topic, he urged the young graduates to stand out from the crowd and to gain through Christ the courage to say with Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Ed de Rosset, a member of the sophomore class, accompanied the dean to Dyllis, where they were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Limburg.

DEBATE NEWS

In an impromptu debate of a humorous nature, Saturday morning, April 3, Ty Pray, of Merinsco, Michigan, and Helen Penick, of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, the affirmative team, defeated Rebecca Peck, of Elyria, Ohio, and Lillian Hummel, of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, that the upper berth of a dormitory bed is better than the lower berth." In a similar debate last year, the affirmative also won. The debate, which was conducted throughout in a humorous vein, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Returning to a consideration of serious topics, the Debating Club announces that the final debate in the inter-class series will be held on April 20, when the Freshman team, Hugh Gallagher, of Dayton, Tennessee, and Charlotte Sapp, of Chicago, Illinois, will oppose the Sophomore team, Glenn Klammer, of Detroit, Kansas, and Vinton Fish, of Kane, Pennsylvania.

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Editorial

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

To you who are looking forward to continuing your education, the question naturally comes, "What could I expect from a college education?" The answer is to be found in one word—training.

Don't go to college with merely the idea of having a good time; go with the purpose of equipping yourself for life. And while you are learning how to make a living, don't forget to learn how to live.

In choosing a college, you should look for one which will give you a complete training—training of the Hand, of the Head, and of the Heart.

The first is training of the Hand—the physical You. Don't look for this in collegiate sports, though these have their part, but rather in actual work. Warden Lewis E. Lawes says that during all of his years as head of Sing Sing Prison not once has he seen behind the bars a man who worked his way through school. In school and out, America is too fast becoming a white-collar nation.

Even though you are able to pay all expenses at college, you should attend an institution offering self-help opportunities; the atmosphere will be more wholesome.

In the second place, consider training of the Head, the mental You. It is not so much what you learn, but how you learn it, that counts. You may forget the Greek, the chemistry, the English, but the mental habits you form while learning those sub-

MOTHER HURLBUT IS HOME

With feelings of joyful sorrow, word was received at the University on the morning of March 18th that Mother Hurlbut, dearly loved former Girls' Counsellor of the University, had gone home to be with the Lord she had zealously and faithfully served. Deeply as we regret her leaving, we who have known her so well and who have loved her, even in her absence of over a year, as our Dormitory Mother, rejoice in her present happiness with Him, knowing that He was, indeed, able to keep that which she had committed unto Him against that day. May the Lord bless and comfort the loved ones who still await the call to come home to Him.

jects will stay with you throughout your life.

Along with mental habits may be classed the cultural training and inspiration arising from the great lives with which you come in contact. The college you choose should be the one which offers the best mental and cultural background.

But the most important phase of training, and that which is most often neglected, is that of the Heart—the spiritual You. To train the Hand and the Head and disregard the Heart is to take the husk and the hull and throw away the kernel.

This is an age of heart-callous against God, especially in the majority of colleges. Yet there is in the center of every being a soul-craving that God alone can satisfy.

As you choose a college, look for one where your spiritual being will not starve to death for lack of spiritual food; look for one in which your nobler aspirations will have a chance to bud and blossom forth into maturity.

Do not be satisfied with anything less than the training of the whole You—Hand, Head, and Heart. To leave out any one is to have a one-sided education. Train not merely the mind, but the Man.

BUY AN ANNUAL

With the weeks rolling on toward the close of school, the minds of students and faculty are turning toward the **COMMONER**, 1937 edition. It won't be long until that sprightly book will make its appearance—chuck full of snapshots, art sketches, and (most important of all) the pictorial presentation with accompanying remarks on the history of Bryan University. Everything about the history of the school will be shown except the letter Mr. Rudd received once, addressed to "Brine University." After all—"Ye are the salt of the earth"!

The 1937 **COMMONER** will be available not only to the Bryan family in Dayton, but to all of the Bryan relations over the country. The price is \$1.50 a copy.

"EVERLASTING LIFE" PRESENTED

Following the custom of several years, the singers of the University gave an Easter cantata. This year's music, "Everlasting Life," by Mrs. R. R. Forman, was presented at the Dayton Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It was given on the preceding Thursday evening at Graysville, some five miles south of Dayton.

Under the direction of Miss Julia Anna Yancey, head of the music department, the following soloists sang: Miss Beekman, Constance Penick, Lloyd and Vinton Fish, Edward Paul, Harold Fuss, and Ty Pray. Others singing were Ruth Toliver, Mabel Arnold, Lillian Hummel, Elizabeth Moore, Rebecca Peck, Helen Penick, Miss Lyster, Ralph Penick, and Dean Ryther. Mrs. Fish accompanied the singers.

NAOMI TO DETROIT

After several months in the University office, Miss Naomi Jewell, a graduate of 1935, has gone to Detroit, where she will live with her sister, Mrs. Hornbrook, for an indefinite period of time.

On the evening prior to her departure, faculty members and office force favored her with a surprise party at the home of Mrs. John Schild, also a sister. In wishing her *bon voyage* and an early return, President Rudd presented her with an electric clock, a token of appreciation from her friends.



On the Campus

The Norman's Chapel Messengers were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Peavyhouse on Sunday, April 4th.

Bill Daugherty, former senior, has recovered from an accident in which he was seriously injured, and plans to return to school next quarter.

Eugenia Pless, Webster Moody, and others enjoyed vacation trips home.

Parker Mishkoff visited his father at Fort Wayne, Indiana, helping in a gospel meeting for Bulgarian people.

Lynden Berry and Vinton Fish rode their thumbs to Atlanta and Birmingham.

Elizabeth Moore visited her grandmother, Mrs. I. S. Kessler, Cleveland, Tennessee.

A meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the home of the president, Miss Sybil Lusk, on March 27th.

DAY OF PRAYER

As previously announced, the day of prayer was observed on the eleventh of March. A song and prayer service was followed by a message on "Prayer" from Dr. Currens, Bible teacher.

The afternoon message was brought by Rev. G. Allen Fleece, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, of Chattanooga. In his message on "The Priestly Service of Thanksgiving," Brother Fleece stated that God's children are both holy priests and royal priests. He also mentioned ways of offering thanks through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Every Christian was greatly blessed with the spirit of prayer that prevailed throughout the day.

A graduate in the class of '36, Miss Mary J. McAllister recently visited the University while on vacation from her work as secretary to the president of the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania.

On March 12th, the choral class presented a program at the Graysville Grammar School, Ty Pray bringing the message.

Following the singing of the Easter Cantata, the group was entertained by Elizabeth Moore and Miss Yancey.

Last month brought welcome visits to the University from our field chief, Elmer R. Walton.

Members of the Junior Class assembled to make plans for the annual senior banquet, the date of which has not yet been set.

After the giving of personal testimonies, the University Girls' Sextet sang two anthem numbers at the M. E. Church South on March 7th.

Ty Pray preached at Pennine on Easter Sunday, a special quarter furnishing music for the occasion.

Recent visitors on the campus were Mrs. D. W. Ryther, of Fort Benning, Georgia, and Miss Alice J. Ryther, of Lackawanna, N. Y. They were guests of their son and nephew, Dean Ryther.

Lewis Llewellyn has returned to renew his study at the University.

A number of students and teachers have started hiking once again.

DR. WILSON SPEAKS

Coming to Dayton under the auspices of the University, Dr. Walter Lewis Wilson, one of the most popular radio broadcasters in the Southwest, was with us on Bryan Hill from April 6 to 10. Dr. Wilson spoke in Chattanooga at noon and evening services, Monday, April 5. On Tuesday morning at 9:45 he addressed the University students in the Chapel on Bryan Hill, initiating the series of services which continued throughout the week. Morning services were held in the University Chapel, evening services in the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, in Dayton. Besides the students, large numbers of Dayton people gathered to hear "the Doctor," whose inimitable style and almost-magic power in holding his audience's attention make him a visitor always eagerly looked for.

PROGRAM AT ROCKWOOD

On Wednesday night, March 31st, the University sextet, Mr. and Mrs. Fish, Ty Pray, Ralph Toliver, Mrs. Rudd, and Dean Ryther, went to the Baptist Church of Rockwood, Tennessee, to hold the regular prayer services. Following a duet, "Love Divine," by Mr. and Mrs. Fish, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by the sextet, and "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," a solo by Ty Pray, Ralph Toliver brought a message on the promise contained in John 15:7, "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

The Group left Rockwood feeling they had enjoyed the closest of fellowship with their Christian friends, but an even closer fellowship with the Lord. Opportunities to carry a gospel message in song and sermon to other churches will be gladly received.

Each Saturday night for the past month meetings have been held by the Gospel group on the main street of Dayton. A number of conversions have already proved God's blessing on the work.

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The birthday anniversary of William Jennings Bryan was celebrated with a praise "party" on March 19th. Incidents honoring the memory of Dr. George E. Guille, the University's first president, and Mother Hurlbut and Professor Bjerregaard, former staff members, were related by Dean Ryther. A number of letters received in response to the "debt" letter were read by President Rudd.

Dr. T. W. Callaway, pastor of the St. Elmo Baptist Church, of Chattanooga, delivered the last message prepared by William Jennings Bryan: "The Trial of Jesus, or Was Jesus Mobbed?"

Of interest to our readers will be the following excerpts from some of the letters received from Christian friends and read during the program by President Rudd:

From New Jersey:

"I am glad to be able to send the enclosed, given in the name of our Lord."—Miss H. W.

"I am glad the Lord has given the faculty strength, courage . . . to stand by the University during these difficult years."—Miss B. K. K.

From Pennsylvania:

"Praise God for answered prayer! So glad to receive your most encouraging letter as to what God is doing there . . . enclose a wee mite—all I can."—Mrs. W. H. B.

"Thanking you for allowing us a chance to do something to further the spread of the Gospel and training of Workers . . ."—Mrs. C. A. D.

"We appreciate more than we can tell the Christian training the young people in your care are receiving . . . am enclosing a gift in honor of our fine Pastor—a great admirer of Mr. Bryan in his stand for the faith."—Mrs. A. H.

From Tennessee:

"I am enclosing check for \$20.00 with prayer the Lord will use it."—P. D. H.

"I wish I had the money to pay it all off. I love Bryan U. There is where I found the Lord."—H. B. (A former student.)

From Montana:

"I am glad you have been visited by a gracious revival . . . am sending \$5.00 to help along."—Mrs. E. A. M.

From Connecticut:

"I have brought before my 'little flock' . . . the work of the Institute . . . Today our offering was devoted to its work."—Rev. C. F. E.

From Florida:

"It may not be until April, but I am going to send \$5.00 on the debt."—Rev. A. D. M.

From Canada:

"I am sending cordial Christian greetings, and two 'green flowers' as a bouquet offering . . . We must press on, that men and women may be trained in mind and heart according to the principles of the Word."—Miss O. C.

From Minnesota:

" . . . surely need schools like Bryan, which are not ashamed of the Word and the old-fashioned gospel of Jesus Christ."—Rev. R. McL. (Former student.)

From New York:

"Enclosing check for Debt Reduction Fund and trust . . . that God's will may be done through it all."—Miss G. P.

From Florida:

"THINKING OF YOU TODAY, CHECK ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOLLOWS."—F. B. H. (A telegram received after the birthday celebration.)

PENNSYLVANIANS PUBLISH

Next month's issue of the *NEWS-ETTE* will be in charge of the Pennsylvania Club, the largest state club on the campus with the exception of the Tennessee Club. Members of this organization, which includes all students from the Keystone State, will take over all departments of the *NEWS-ETTE* for this one issue. It is expected that that issue of the *NEWS-ETTE* will contain articles of special interest to Pennsylvanians.

HIGH SCHOOLS VISITED

During the last three days of March and the first day of April trips were made to ten high schools in the state, at each of which the University sextet and other students gave programs of secular and religious nature. Through these visitations it is hoped the work of the University and the things for which it stands will be brought before the young graduates. Primarily to spread information about the school, the programs offered many opportunities for a strong testimony in both song and word.

Visits were enjoyed at the following schools: Spring City, Kingston, Harriman, Oakdale, Soddy, Dunlap, Pikeville, Decatur, Charleston, and Tyner High Schools.

Satisfied that giving from one to four programs in a day and riding miles between stops is anything but an easy job, the group decided that lunch on the rocks some hundred and more feet above beautiful Montlake, itself atop a mountain, and at Fillaure Lake, or on the banks of the Emory River more than makes up for the labor. Add to this the thrill of watching Connie chase a large gander, only to beat a hasty retreat when the gander chased her, and you have a few of the high points of four days of joyous service.

Those making one or more trips were Constance Penick, Mabel Arnold, Ruth Toliver, Rebecca Peck, Elizabeth Moore, Helen Penick—the sextet; Charlotte Sapp—guitar player and singer; Virginia Barger—reader; Howard Kee—pianist; George Keating—cornetist; Vinton Fish and Ty Pray—vocal soloists; Edgerton Reid and Ralph Toliver—speakers; Mrs. Lloyd Fish—accompanist; and Dean Ryther—director.